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(Monday evening, April 15th, until Tuesday night, April 23rd.)

Sale of Chometz until Monday April 15, 9.00 A.M. at the Rabbi's Office in the Talmud Torah (4-7086) or at his home, 353 Stewart St. (In reply to a question frequently asked, one may authorize the Rabbi to sell his Chometz before the search for the Chometz takes place on the eve of Passover.)

Shabbos Hagadol Drashah by the Rabbi, Cong. Agudath Achim (Rideau St.) on Saturday April 13, 5.00 P.M.

Bdikath Chometz (Search for Chometz) Sunday night, April 14.

Siyum B'chorim (for first-born males) Monday April 15, 7.15 A.M. The Rabbi will conclude the tractate Gittin at Cong. Adath Jeshurun, King Edward Ave. A Siyum will likewise be held in the other Synagogues.

Conclude eating Chometz Monday, April 15, by 8.45 A.M.

Biur Chometz (burning of Chometz), Monday April 15 before 10.00 A.M.

Candles. See schedule.

Services. See schedule of Synagogues.

Yizkor (Memorial Services) at all Ottawa Synagogues Tuesday, April 23rd, about 10.00 A.M.



RABBI O. Z. FASMAN

## SISTERHOOD BIDS FAREWELL

Adath Jeshurun Sisterhood, in the largest meeting in its history, tendered a farewell luncheon to Mrs. O. Z. Fasman on Wednesday, April 3rd. Mrs. G. Gordon, President of the Sisterhood, acted as chairman.

Mrs. S. Lepofsky paid tribute to the guest of honour and made a presentation of beautiful crystal stemware, the gift of the members.

In expressing her gratitude Mrs. Fasman told the women that her communal work in Ottawa had been made pleasant by their devotion and co-operation.

Cantor Rabin sang appropriate selections to conclude the program.

## T. T. CHILDREN TO LEAD SERVICES

In reply to a formal invitation by Adath Jeshurun synagogue to the Ottawa Talmud Torah, the children of the school will conduct the entire Sabbath morning services at the congregation on Saturday morning, May 4th. The Cantors and those who will read the Sedra will all be pupils of the Ottawa Talmud Torah, so that parents and friends may look forward to a most interesting and enjoyable service.

## MOTHERS GROUP FORMED

Mothers of children who attend the Ottawa Talmud Torah met at the home of Mrs. M. K. Levinson to discuss the interests they have in common in regard to Jewish education. It was unanimously decided to form a Mothers Group to be represented on the Talmud Torah Board by two delegates. (The Board had previously approved the idea of giving such representation.) In a brief address Rabbi O. Z. Fasman explained that several mothers had approached him about such a group (not an auxiliary) to concentrate on the matters that mothers of children now in the Main, James Street, and West End Branches desire to discuss between themselves, as well as with the staff and the Board.

The meeting chose as officers:

Pres. Mrs. M. Levinson.

Vice Pres. Mrs. N. Kizell.

Sec'y. Mrs. H. Baker.

Treas. Mrs. D. Zelikovitz.

T. T. Board Delegates: Mrs. M. Levinson, Mrs. M. Zbar.

Chairman of Telephone Committee: Mrs. I. Lithwick.

Chairman of Childrens Refreshments: Mrs. I. Beiles.

## FAREWELL!

The Vaad Ha'ir has fixed Sunday, April 28th, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Talmud Torah to give the Jewish people of Ottawa a chance to wish Rabbi Fasman farewell. He leaves on May 1st to take up his new office as Executive Vice-President of the Hebrew Theological College in Chicago.

## SISTERHOOD PLAN FUNCTION

The Sisterhoods of Cong. Agudath Achin, Machzikei Hadath, Bnai Jacob and Agudath Israel will meet jointly on Wednesday evening, May 8th, to say good-bye to Mrs. O. Z. Fasman. The "Tzeschem Leshalom" affair will be held in the vestry rooms of Machzikei Hadath Synagogue, Murray St.



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No. 66, dated Feb. 9, 1943.

## LIBERTY LIES AHEAD

In the spring the Hebrew fancy turns to liberty and thoughts of liberty. As nature awakens from its wintry slumber, and all the earth is renewed in freshness, the Jewish calendar introduces the great festival of freedom. Like nature freedom has its cycles. There are periods where circumstances conspire to develop the yearning of mankind for unfettered living, but there are others when this desire takes second place to the longing for undisturbed existence. It takes both courage and great-mindedness to prefer freedom above ease.

History tells that the struggle is as old as man. Many of the Israelites revolted against the independence they achieved by leaving Egypt, because they could not forget the tasty meals they were granted during their bondage. Even the stoutest hearts sometimes wish that they could be spared the making of decisions by a superior to whom they owe their entire responsibility.

But freedom, like water, must seek its own level. It cannot be held back indefinitely, and it pushes forward to find its own home. Its bread may be dry, but it lays claim to a special benediction; its companion may be bitterness, but its final goal is a gift divinely accepted. Even when it lies hidden beneath the pillow of soft comfort, it issues forth into the light and speaks the concluding word. In the darkness of the night it remembers Elijah, who braved a despot to establish a principle. It will even find a song for an inexpensive kid that was swallowed by something bigger.

Man still has a long road to travel before he will attain liberty in fact. He is still tied down to numerous forces in society over which he never had any control or has lost it. He can pace the deck of the Queen Elizabeth in the illusion that he is walking in the direction he chooses, but he is being carried by the huge ship to its special destination. He is caught in the net of a civilization that others have built. When you pause to consider that even his rebelliousness is predetermined by the nature of what he rebels against, you realize with how many chains he is burdened.

Is there then no door liberty can pass through? When the channel of a river is blocked we make use of dynamite to break up the frozen surface. Once the big chunks of ice begin to move about, the river can work out its course. So too does the eruptive violence of war break the frozen patterns of culture and create an opportunity for the readjustment of values. The immediate postwar period should therefore serve as the greatest chance for freedom to shape its own destiny. To the nations that are sincere in hoping for increased liberty the time is now. To the men and women

who are disgusted with a fixed way of national and international procedure, that has thus far brought the misery of total war and destruction from the air into the reality of modern life, these are the days that must be filled out with new thoughts and new methods.

Hebrew tradition insists that the triumph over tyranny shall be marked in the springtime of the year. The enemies of democracy have been crushed, so that this is the springtime of the twentieth century. Let us see buds of change, fresh seed and fresh grass. Behind us we can see the ruins of a maladjusted society. Liberty lies ahead.

## THE DAY SCHOOL IDEA.

The subject of a Hebrew Day School is once more being discussed in our city. Briefly, the modern Hebrew Day School instructs its pupils in English in all the subjects that are taught in the public school, and it adds a minimum of two hours daily in Jewish studies. There are two obvious advantages: the first is that the children do not have to attend the Hebrew School in the evening, because they get their complete English and Jewish education until 4.00 o'clock and have their free time for play; the second is that the atmosphere is conducive to giving the child a richer religious background and a deeper Hebrew knowledge.

It is interesting to observe that Protestant churches complain in the same way Jewish Synagogues do about the indifference of their youth, while Catholic churches seem to have much less of a problem in this respect; and that both Jews and Protestants often explain this difference by pointing to the separate schools maintained by the Catholics. If the separate school system succeeds in leading young people to an interest in religion—a view that is pretty widely held—then those who are opposed to the Jewish Day School should cease to lament over the absence of young people from synagogue services, since they themselves are contributing by their opposition to this absence.

To be honest with ourselves we must recognize that reform, conservative and orthodox synagogues which do not have day schools do not have enough young people active in their program; and those who argue that a change of language in prayer, or a reduction in the length of the service, or a curtailment of the observances demanded from the pulpit will automatically increase the enthusiasm of the youth for the synagogue fly in the face of the facts. There are reform and conservative temples that have attempted these innovations and brought no great numbers to their pews, while the largest Sabbath services in the Dominion of Canada will be found in a Montreal congregation that preserves the entire ritual in a three-hour morning service. But that congregation, be it noted, conducts a day school.

One cannot drive a car that has no motor under the hood, and one cannot build a long range religious programme without an intensive education for Jewish children. It is true that a generation ago parents saw nothing wrong in sending their children to the Talmud Torah for four hours after a full day at school but the parents of this generation will do nothing of the sort. They even object to ten hours a week of Hebrew as too much, and in view of the many additional interests open to the modern child, they have some basis for this feeling. The proper way to solve the problem is to create a modern, progressive, well-planned Day School.



## Around Town

Marvin Schreiber continues to add to his laurels as a speaker each year, having once more carried off first honours in the A.Z.A. Laurentian oratorical competition at Montreal. . . The death of Henry Finklestein deprived Cong. Agudath Achim of the services of one of its most devoted veterans, a past-president who helped to build the Synagogue in its infancy. . . Mr. M. N. Drazin, Vice-President of Cong. Agudath Achim, was pleasantly surprised, when he was presented with a beautiful silver tea service at the Purim dinner of the Synagogue in recognition of many years of devoted work. At the dinner arranged by the Canadian Jewish Congress to let the decorated Jewish servicemen of Canada honour their Jewish chaplains, three servicemen out of eight who made the presentations came from Ottawa; namely, Max Bookman and the brothers William and Jack Feller; and two of the fifteen Rabbis who were given presentations were Isaac B. Rose and Oscar Z. Fasman. . . Having developed the Rachel Kizell Chapter of Mizrahi Women into a highly successful group, Mrs. I. Beiles has resigned her presidency for reasons of health, and Mrs. M. Zbar succeeds her. . . The latest venture of Hanoar Study and Breakfast Club is an interesting mimeographed magazine, Hashachar, with Trevor Logette as editor and Irving Altman as managing editor. . . Apparently Michael Greenberg has done such a wonderful job with his Agudath Achim Synagogue, presidency that the Trojan Football Club saw fit to choose him its president. . . The honour of being the first Jew ever to serve as trustee in the Carleton County Bar Association has gone to Samuel Lepofsky K. C. . . The Hebrew Sunday School children suspect that the B. Cardash whose poem recently appeared in The Citizen is their superintendent. . . Junior Hadasah Mother and Daughter Dinner is scheduled for April 30th, while Breakfast Club Fathers and Sons meeting is booked for April 28th. . . Moses Steinberg has been appointed Assistant Professor of English at the University of British Columbia. . . The Women's Chevra Kadisha has selected as co-chairmen Mesdames M. Drazin, A. Weiss, H. Glushtein, and M. Kapinsky, with Mrs. A. Brunberg as Secretary-Treasurer, and honorary "gab-battes" Mesdames T. Sachs, M. Doctor and A. Zelikovitz.

## CONGREGATION ADATH JESHURUN King Edward Ave.

### Schedule for Passover

Monday, April 15th, at 7:15 a.m. Services for first-born males.

### Passover Services

Monday, April 15th, Mincha at 6:30 p.m. followed by Maariv. Tuesday and Wednesday, April 16-17, Shachrith begins at 8:30 a.m. Rabbi O.Z. Fasman will occupy the pulpit on Tuesday, April 16th. Sermon topic: "Spiritual Fugitivism."

Sunday, April 21st, Mincha at 6:45 p.m. followed by Maariv. Monday and Tuesday, April 22-23, Shachrith begins at 8:30 a.m. Yizkor about 10.00 a.m. Tuesday April 23rd.

Cantor J. Rabbin will officiate. We wish our members, their families and friends a happy Yomtov. Especially do we hope to see our returned servicemen at our services.

### BALTIMORE RABBI AT DINNER.

The annual meeting of the Mizrahi Women's Chapter in Ottawa will be held in the Talmud Torah Hall Wednesday night, May 1st, (Rosh Hodash Iyar.)

The guest speaker for the occasion will be Rabbi Uri Miller of Baltimore, one of the most prominent young rabbis in America.

At the time that he was the president of the Rabbinical Association of the Hebrew Theological College, in 1934, Rabbi Miller travelled extensively in Eretz Israel. (His travelling companion was his life long schoolmate, our own Rabbi Fasman.) At the present time he is the recently elected spiritual leader of the most rapidly growing young people's orthodox synagogue in Baltimore. For years he has been a leader in Mizrahi, as well as general Zionist, activities in the United States.

The proceeds of the dinner this year will be devoted entirely to completing the project of converting the famous Struck Villa of Haifa into a home for refugee girls.

### Y. P. L. EXPECTS OLD FRIEND

The Young Peoples League of the Jewish community has planned its next meeting to be held on Thursday night, April 18th, in the Talmud Torah Hall with Dr. David Petegorsky, the Executive Secretary of the American Jewish Congress, as the speaker. Dr. Petegorsky is an old friend of the organization, and his keenly analytical addresses have always proved exceedingly at Y. P. L. meetings.

## Invitation To Bar Mitzvah

Rabbi and Mrs. Oscar Z. Fasman invite you, as a member of the Ottawa Jewish community, to the Bar Mitzvah of their son Haym Selig.

Invitations are being mailed, only this community is too large to get all the addresses right. The synagogue secretaries have been kind enough to submit the names of all their members, and there is a community list (never quite up to date) but nobody can be protected against errors in mail delivery, or mistakes in the lists. The invitation is therefore sincerely extended through the Bulletin.

In particular service veterans and young people of youth groups who are not listed as a rule in the city mailing columns are cordially invited.

The program of the Bar Mitzvah celebration consists of:

1. The celebrant will lead the sunset services at Cong. Agudath Achim, Rideau St. Friday, May 17th.

2. The celebrant will be called to the Torah at Cong. Adath Jeshurun, King Edward Avenue, Saturday, May 18th, with services to begin 9:00 a.m. Kiddush will follow in the Talmud Torah Hall,

3. The celebrant will deliver a Hala-chic discourse in Yiddish at Cong. Machzikei Hadath, Murray St., Saturday May 18th, at 5.00 p.m.

4. A reception will be held in the Adath Jeshurun vestry rooms Sunday, May 19th, 3 to 8 p.m.

### U. P. A. ON MAY 9.

The annual United Palestine Appeal campaign will be launched on Thursday evening, May 9, at the Chateau Laurier. Details are being worked out by the co-charimen, Mr. S. Zelikovitz and Mr. L. Freiman, and the community will be advised shortly of all the arrangements. For the present you are asked to reserve the date and buy your tickets from the members of Hadassah, who have undertaken to sell them to the Jewish public.

### SHABBOS AND YOM TOV CANDLES

April 12th, 6.25 p.m.  
April 15th, 6.29 p.m.  
April 16th, 7.05 p.m. (or after).  
April 19th, 6.34 p.m.  
April 21st, 6.37 p.m.  
April 22nd, 7.15 p.m. (or after).  
April 26th, 6.42 p.m.



## B. B. Camp Director Chosen

The Bnai Brith. Camp Committee has successfully completed arrangements with one of the outstanding men in the field of Jewish camping, Mr. J. Gerstonson, to act as the camp director this summer at the B. B. Camp in Quyon. Mr. Gerstonson has a distinguished record to his credit in youth work, and he holds both the B. A. and M. A. degrees in the field of social studies.

In planning activities for the first year the committee points out that the campers will use tents, as there will be no time to erect more permanent barracks; but there will be one building for recreational purposes and another as the dining hall. Electricity will be installed, and a telephone is awaited.

Parents of the children should register them now with Mr. E. Gittleson. Counsellors also are being engaged, and those interested should see Mr. J. Feiner.

### PASSOVER WINE HERE

The Ontario Liquor Commission has written to the Vaad Ha'ir that Passover wine will be available this year in the liquor shops on Rideau St. and on Queen St.

### BREAD AFTER PASSOVER

There will be no bread in the Jewish bakery until Wednesday morning, April 24th

### PASSOVER FOODS

Any food that is purchased in a container -- tinned, bottled, or packaged -- must bear a reliable Passover endorsement, showing the name of the Rabbi or Rabbis responsible for the supervision of its preparation, in order to be permissible in a Jewish home on the holiday. The mere statement "Kosher for Passover" whether written in Hebrew or English, is insufficient.

All fresh fruit and vegetables are permissible on Passover, except those that belong to the bean and pea family (legumes). They must be carefully washed through, however, before they are used.

We may eat on Passover cabbage, bananas, garlic.

The baked goods that come from Montreal do NOT carry Rabbinical endorsement and are therefore not regarded as acceptable for use here.

Since the Osgoode St. School building will be closed, no Hebrew Sunday School classes will meet on April 21st or 28th.

## An Appreciated Letter

Commander Albert Logette of the R. C.N. has sent this letter to Rabbi Fasman:

"I cannot leave Ottawa and return to civil life without wishing to express to the local Community my most sincere thanks for the many kindnesses and privileges extended to me during the time I was stationed with the Naval Services here. It would take a lot of time to personally thank and say "Au Revoir to the many friends I have made here and I would therefore esteem it a great favour if this letter could be reproduced in the next issue of the Bulletin."

### CONGREGATION AGUDATH ISRAEL Fairmount Ave.

Mr. S. Shapiro will officiate at our Passover services, which will begin at 9.00 a.m. both the first and the last two days. Yizkor will be recited on the eighth day, Tuesday April 23rd, about 10.30 a.m.

Our synagogue is conveniently located for West End residents, and newcomers to the city are always welcome.

### PASSOVER MILK AVAILABLE

The Vaad Hakashruth is happy to announce that arrangements have been made with the Ottawa Dairy to prepare Passover milk and butter under the supervision of Rabbi Fasman for the holiday use of our community. As in past years, other dairies will receive some of these products and distribute them. The customer is urgently reminded to look for the label which states that supervision was given by our Vaad Hakashruth. The mere phrase "Kosher for Passover" is not at all sufficient. (Please Note: The butter this year will have the Passover stamp on the thin wrapping sheet; it must be pale.)

### ENTER BEFORE YOU KNOCK

Says the retiring Rabbi of Ottawa: "How much easier the life of a Rabbi would be, and how many misunderstandings would be avoided, if people would enter his office to discuss the facts of a case BEFORE proceeding to knock him."

### MATZO CEILING HOLDS

For many weeks there was a distinct possibility that the ceiling price on the popular brands of Matzo would be advanced six cents this year, but through representations made by Jewish communities across the country, including our own, it was finally possible to "hold the line", so that the ceiling price remains the same as last year, 27c per lb.

## Congregation Agudath Achim

RIDEAU ST.

Monday, April 15th, Mincha at 6.30 p.m., followed by Maariv.

Tuesday and Wednesday, April 16-17, Services begin 8.30 a.m.

Rabbi O. Z. Fasman will occupy the pulpit Wednesday, April 16th, about 10.30 a.m. Sermon Topic: "Let Us Get Together."

Sunday April 21st, Mincha at 6.45 p.m. followed by Maariv.

Monday and Tuesday, April 22-23, Services begin at 8.30 a.m.

Yizkor, Tuesday, April 23rd, about 10.15 a.m.

Cantor A. Weiss will officiate. We invite our members and friends to join us in worship.

### CONGREGATION MACHZIKEI HADATH Murray Street.

Our Shachrith services begin on the first and last two days of Passover at 8.30 a.m.

Rabbi O. Z. Fasman will deliver a sermon in Yiddish, Monday April 22nd about 10.30 a.m.

We invite our members and their friends to attend all the holiday services.

### CONGREGATION B'NAI JACOB James Street.

On both the first and last two days of Pesach our morning services will begin at 9.00 a.m. Rev. S. Schreiber will officiate.

Before Yizkor on Tuesday, April 23rd, Rabbi Oscar Z. Fasman will speak on the topic, "The Last Hope."

### WEDDINGS MAY BE HELD—

Weddings may be held in this next season only up until Passover, and afterwards only on Rosh Chodesh Iyar, Tuesday night, April 30th, and Wednesday and Thursday May 1st and 2nd; on Lag B'omer, Saturday night May 18th and Sunday May 19th; and after Rosh Chodesh Sivan, beginning Thursday night May 30th, with the exception of Shavuoth on Wednesday and Thursday, June 5th and 6th.

### YOUNG PEOPLE WANTED!

The Vaad Ha'ir Rabbinical Committee urges young people to attend the lectures of guest rabbis, as the opinion of youth will be a powerful factor in the election of a spiritual leader.